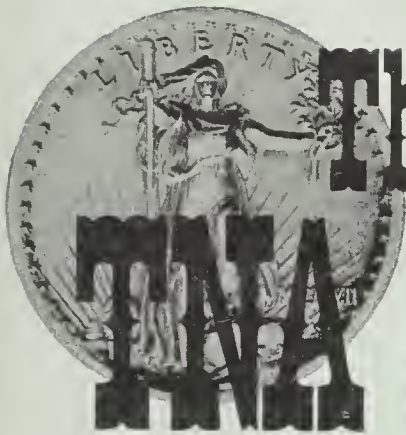


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PRESIDENT'S

MESSAGE



I hope that all of you enjoyed a pleasant holiday season.

As we get back to our collections we should ask ourselves—"What am I going to do this year to promote numismatics?" A good start would be to get your junior club members to take an active part in your club meetings. I hope that we can say we have done our best to keep them interested. Have we? Today's youth have so much going on around them, that it is hard to keep their interest for any length of time. To you, the junior members of T.N.A., I can only say, stand up and let your club know that you are ready to take an active part in your club. I believe you will be surprised at the reception you will get.

T.N.A. has a service that the member clubs have not utilized. If the clubs around the state will send me the name of a member, each month, that they think deserves more than a "Thank You", I will send him or her a beautiful achievement award certificate. Let's use this service.

I am very disappointed that so many members were not interested enough to vote on the amendments published in the November TNA News. Only 17 votes were received. The amendments passed.

I know that there are many members around the state that were deserving of the Lewis Reagan Mem-

orial Award, but only nine nominations had been received at this writing. Let's use the right we have of voicing our opinion in these matters as they come up. We can only move forward with the help of each one of you, and as little matters come up your role is very important toward the future of the T.N.A.

If you haven't sent in your 1968 dues, please do so now. Remember this year the dues are \$4. I hope that we can say that we do not have a delinquent list come convention time.

It has been my pleasure to visit several club meetings and coin shows around the country. After talking to many seasoned collectors and many visitors, at these get-togethers, I am more convinced than ever that the educational part of numismatics should be pushed forward. People are hungry for knowledge about coins and the history behind them. It is our duty to see that they get this knowledge through the local clubs, state and national organizations, and the many numismatic publications on the market today. I challenge each member of T.N.A. to set a goal for 1968 and sign up six new members. This is only one every two months. When you reach this goal, the feeling of achievement will be great.

May the coming year bring you and yours the happiness that you desire. Remember — **GET ONE FOR T. N. A.**

CONVENTION NEWS

The Texas Numismatic Association proudly announces that James A. Conlon, of Washington, D. C., director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, will be a special guest at the 10th convention will be held at the Gmter Hotel in downtown San Antonio, June 17-19.

Conlon brings with him over a quarter century of service to his country in the design, planning, production and distribution of paper currency, stamps, bonds, military payment certificates and occupational currency. The bureau has been responsible for our paper money since 1862 and not one issue or series has ever been devalued, recalled or otherwise voided or declared worthless. It is one of the few government departments that show a profit at the end of each fiscal year which indicates the efficiency with which it is operated. All numismatists with paper money interests, and philatelists, will enjoy meeting and hearing the Bureau director.

The exhibit chairman for the convention has advised that the coveted Harvey Bruns award for Mexican coinage exhibits was inadvertently omitted from the exhibitor's brochures.

The special award is presented annually for the best exhibit of Coins of Mexico. The category includes metallic coins of Mexico, Revolutionary coins, Mexican States' coins and Spanish coins minted in Mexico after 1536. It does not include medals, tokens or paper money. The awards which conforms to other T. N. A. awards is furnished and presented by Bruns. T. N. A. standing rules and regulations are used for judging and no persons eligible to receive the award two consecutive years.

The National Commemorative So-

ciety of Philadelphia will provide the feature attraction in the exhibit room of the world - renowned Platinum Proof coin - medals for the convention. This will be the first time that these 47 unique Platinum Proofs have been displayed in their entirety.

The Society's standing rules permit only three solid platinum proofs



GUIDING 10th TNA CONVENTION

The above group has devoted many hours toward the 10th TNA convention to be held in San Antonio, Texas June 17-19. Front row (L to R) Frank O'Sullivan, general chairman; Larry Murrell, bourse; Alvin Naumann, publicity; Bill Rappanatti, Gateway Coin Club representative and auction. Back row (L to R) Leonard Black, security; Tom Bain, convention coordinator; Ray Whyborn, Alamo Coin Club representative and acting exhibit chairman; Ilse Griffiths, secretary; Freeman Craig, treasurer. In addition to providing a fine convention, plans have been made for tours of the Astrodome, admission in Hemisfair, treasure hunting at Padre Island and a tour to Mexico.

to be struck of any one coin - medal. The first is given to an appropriate individual or institution associated with the subject being commemorated; second is retained by the Society for special exhibitions, such as the 10th T. N. A. convention; and the third is presented to the Smithsonian Institution for the national archives. No others are made for any reason.

One sterling silver proof is struck for each member of N. C. S., after which the dies are destroyed. The Society consists of 5252 members and issues coin - medals to commemorate individuals, institutions and/or events of historical or ethnic significance.

Persons attending the C. O. I. N. convention in Los Angeles on June 14-16, will find it convenient to attend the T. N. A. convention as San Antonio is less than 2½ hours away


by non-stop jet service.

Enjoy your vacation! Continue on to San Antonio, attend the convention and take in HemisFair.

If the required minimum number of reservations is made, a chartered bus will make a round trip Wednesday morning, June 19 to President Johnson's birthplace at Stonewall, the LBJ Ranch and Johnson City, where the president spent his childhood. Please make reservations for this trip when arriving at the convention.

A round - trip excursion from San Antonio to Mexico City, Taxco, Acapulco and Guadalajara via Mexican Airlines leaves Thursday, June 20, returning Sunday, June 23. The fare includes all expenses. Sign up for this exciting Mexican trip when you register, as there is a limited number of seats available.

Since Hurricane Beulah has rearranged the surf and sands of Padre Island, pieces of eight and doubloons from the Spanish treasure fleet can be found by beachcombers and treasure hunters. Many ships lay, as yet undiscovered, in the shallow surf or in the sand as a result of wrecks in the 1500's. If convention attendees express a desire to participate, a tour may be arranged to that area. Please state your wishes on this or the above tours by dropping a line to Box 5526, San Antonio, Tex. 78201.



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By SIDNEY L. LEVINSEN
HOUSTON, TEXAS

Consider the Mercury dime!

In size—it is the smallest United States coin minted thus far in the 20th century. Designed by A. A. Weinman, who also created the Walking Liberty half dollar, it is interesting to note that through the entire life issue of these two series that no change in configuration or metal content was deemed necessary. This capacity for understanding what of design would endure and yet be adaptable to the mechanics of coinage was very similar to the work of Charles A. Barber, who was his immediate predecessor.

Weinman was able to cram considerable artistic symbolism into the small area of the dime without destroying the basic function of creating a design for exchange. The obverse of Liberty shows her with wings crowning her cap which Weinman explained as a symbol of the liberty of thought.

On the reverse the eye in the bound faces superimposed on tree limb expresses the strength of unity midst the life and growth of our country which in turn is a branch of the tree of the world.

In practice, Weinman's design fared very well indeed. In every year of issue and from each mint came a well-struck "frothy" coin. When put in circulation, the coins were evenly to retain the immediate identification, which incidentally, is the purpose for which coins are struck.

It is true that most of the 1921 and 1921D issue were poorly struck on the reverse which accounts for the rapid wear on the backside of these coins when they went into circulation.

However, there were well-struck specimens from both these mints. This accounts for the fact that many complete sets of Mercury dimes that exist today which are not only uncirculated, but wherein each coin matches all others in strike and perfection.

As many advanced collectors have found—price and availability in coins are not always synonymous. Granted, the 1916D is the most costly in the dime series. However, money will soon sniff out a specimen of this date and mint in almost any grade including the uncirculated. But in the upper grades—the 1926S is usually much harder to obtain although this is not reflected in its ultimate price.

Mention should also be made of availability of some of the more common dates. In uncirculated condition the 1918P and the 1924P are much scarcer than either their price or mintage might indicate.

In the circulated category we wish to make special mention of the 1913P. A full-rimmed coin of this issue is not presently real scarce—but again, it is not always available. Recall that the dime was the highest denomination and the only silver coin minted in the depression year of 1931. All three mints combined produced slightly over five million dimes. Then no nickels, dimes, halves or dollars were minted the following year of 1932 so the previous year major issue did extra duty. If a new semi-key and then a key coin appears in the Mercury series at some future date—you may be the one to say, "I told you so."

SEARCH FOR 'FIDOS' GROWS AMONG AMERICAN COLLECTORS

SUBMITTED BY BRAD MILLS
COLUMNIST FOR THE DALLAS
MORNING NEWS

A growing fad among United States collectors involves a systematic search for "fid's" generally regarded as mint errors, mis-strikes, off-center coins and various irregular pieces that have escaped the mint counters. Some of these oddities are very freakish, while others are barely acceptable as errors.

The eagerness of some searchers through rolls frequently causes them to cull out coins with only the slightest variation from the conventional ones, a development that has placed many questionable irregularities in the limelight.

About 100 years ago an irregular coin simply was turned into the bank or post office by the holder with the hope it would be accepted at face value, and possibly that was the most sensible thing to do. But now the eager collector pounces on any irregularity as an important error, and simply makes the most of it as an oddity. Frequently an argument rages over whether the freakish condition was caused from striking, or from plain kicking around under hard usage. The difference is very important in the acceptance of a coin that could have been run over by a train. At any rate, the avid error seeker doesn't need much of an excuse to cull out and hold damaged or irregular coins that show strong question marks.

The true error coins are an interesting lot and may be found in all degrees of imperfections. Some are struck twice, others are thicker or thinner than they should be. The mint tries to catch all conspicuous errors, but they do get by now and then. It has been suspected that mint employees on rare occasions have purposely struck coins in the wrong met-

als to create real rarities for influential collectors, but this would be difficult to prove. Around 1836 and 1860 it is known that some of this extra curricula took place, but still it could have been in regular line of duty while working with patterns and experimental pieces. Undoubtedly the use of old dies of former years was an unauthorized experiment, but it succeeded in creating real accepted rarities of today. It is believed that a part of the famous 1804 dollars was struck about 1859 for the benefit of collectors.

The chance of finding a real oddity while casually looking through pocket change is perhaps one in a million, yet many searchers keep looking. Other take home large numbers of bank-rolled coins in an effort to beat or reduce the odds against them. By far the greatest number of freaks is caught at the mint, but a few do get out by hook or crook.

The early coins of the Greeks and Romans were mostly off center, irregular and even crudely struck prior to 300 B. C. Yet the collector passes over these faults gladly if the rare old items are genuine. The remarkable fact is that modern freak coins are much more in evidence than those dating back prior to 100 A.D. The obvious reason for this is that the ancients struck all coins by hand and were able to throw out the culls on even a casual inspection. Nearly all of the finished coins of the Greeks and Romans were considerably out-of-round, with the prime objective having been toward fineness and correct weight. The planchets were pinched off and it is doubtful if the blank stocks were truly round in the

beginning.

Many of the designs were not centered well, but they were not considered freaks for this small fault. The ancients took great pride in their workmanship and especially in their ability to make coins of the correct weight.

Many of our early dollars and half dollars were struck off center, and until recently this small error reduced the value of such issues. However, the recent lad toward errors has done much to ease the objection, and now a slightly off-center 1795 dollar probably would bring as much as an evenly struck one. Some of the first half dollars were slightly lopsided, but their acceptance is general if they are slightly worn and of the scarce varieties. A really freaky one might bring a good premium.

The introduction in 1836 of the steam processes did much to eliminate the errors that had plagued the old methods. The coins immediately

took on a more professional appearance, and uniformity was the general rule. Nearly all of our dollars minted from 1840 until 1850 were of unusual quality, and the same excellence applied to the half dollars.

It is very difficult to prevent freaks from leaving the mint in one way or another. They are thrown aside for discard, but they "mysteriously" get to dealers and collectors who seem to have contacts in the right places. Actually the appearance of a few imperfect pieces here and there is not serious, and most collectors are not above scheming for them.

More freaks turn up in the Lincoln cent series than in any other denomination, doubtless the result of such a large mintage. Even blank planchets are known, but they do not command high prices because of the difficulty in authenticating them as genuine blanks. Irregular coins with dates showing are the most desired in the mis-struck series.

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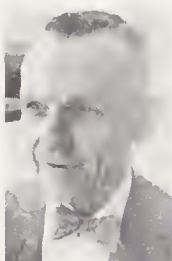
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A NUMISMATIC PROFILE

Meet Charlie Babcock, that ball-of-fire, that human perpetual motion machine of the Beaumont Coin Club!

Relatively a new-comer to coin collecting, Charlie's activities in behalf of the Beaumont club, TNA, and ANA, would make you think he'd been born with a Yeoman's Red Book in one hand and the Brown Book in the other.



C. L. BABCOCK

In June 1965, visiting with his ever-lovin' wife, Mary Elizabeth, in Hamilton, Bermuda, Charlie stopped in The Bermuda Coin Company's shop in the Old Cellar on Front Street, and succumbed to the lure of gold aureus. Next day he went back and bought another aureus, and the coin-collecting habit had him hooked, for, when he came home, he joined the Beaumont Coin Club and then went to Houston's '65 ANA convention.

For two years Charlie handled the Beaumont club's publicity. He suggested a Beaumont Coin Club Bulletin, so they stuck him with the editorship and the advertising manager-ship, not to mention the '67 veepship of the club, for which he had signed up 34 new members in 1966. (Note to TNA Prez Bill Brothers: Why don't you give this fellow a flock of TNA membership applications?)

His collecting interests? You name it, Charlie collects it! Mrs. Babcock collects silver dollars, and is especially fond of "Walking Liberty" halves.

Born in Galveston, Charles Bab-

cock took a business course, worked for the Galveston Tribune, then to Texas A&M where he edited The Battalion, was Asst. Bus. Mgr. of The Loughorn, president of the A&M Glee Club, beat heck out of the A&M's bass drum, was student assistant to the Registrar, and for two years even taught the violin to two pupils in Bryan. (Editor's note: Neither of Charlie's pupils ever became a serious threat to Yelindi Memuhin.) World War I yanked Maestro Charles into OCS, Fort Sheridan, Illinois, graduating him as an infantry 2nd lieutenant, and to Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss.

Once Lieut. Babcock was on the job, the war eventually ended, he was discharged in time for Christmas 1918, landed a job three weeks later, married in two more weeks. A fast worker, that Charlie Babcock!

In 1923 Burroughs Adding Machine Company sent young Babcock to Beaumont to manage 12 Texas counties and 6 Louisiana parishes. In 1929 he bought the insurance company which he's headed ever since. A few of his Beaumont civic activities include 7 years on Beaumont Independent School District board, serving a term as its president, Rotary Club director and veep, director Young Men's Business League and Chamber of Commerce, prez A&M Former Students Assn., of The Aggie Club, and of Beaumont A&M Club, editor Beaumont Aggie News, director American Camelia Society. In his spare time, Charlie Babcock sells insurance.

But, Man! What numismatics couldn't do with a Charles L. Babcock in every town!

NEWS ROUNDUP — A.N.A.

The December issue of *The Numismatist* is a fine example of the value of American Numismatic Association membership, even if you fail to take advantage of one or more of the many services offered.



George Mather

Starting with the president's message, which calls attention to the recognition that will be given to individuals or clubs for securing new A.N.A. members. Then, an article on Jewish minters and engravers should interest those who may be research-minded. An article about medals, two regular features — the

By **GEORGE MATHER**
Corpus Christi, Texas
A.N.A. Representative

book reviews and the illustrated section on new and recent coin issues—a continuation of listings of legal pre-1933 gold coins, and an article of interest to token collectors, cover a very broad field for a hobby. In addition can be found, starting on page 1570, an index of the articles of volume 80—1967.

Look on page 1541 and read the A. N. A. member dealer pledge and oaths. Why not ask your dealer if he has made this pledge and is an A. N. A. member?

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Remember that 1968 dues for regular members have been raised to \$4.00!



ELEPHANT TOKENS

In 1694 a queer coinage called "The Elephant Tokens" made their appearance in the Colonies and were used mostly in what is now the state of North Carolina. They were of the

penny denomination on one side, an engraving of a huge elephant, and on the other were several inscriptions, the most unique probably being "God Preserve Carolina and the Lord's Proprietors."

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GREATER HOUSTON COIN CLUB'S annual "Money Show," Rice Hotel. Write Frank Castleberry, Box 2963, Houston, Tex. 77001.



MARCH 1-3

BROWNSVILLE COIN CLUB & TIP - O - TEXAS COLLECTORS' ASSN., annual Wildcat Show, Civic Center, Brownsville. Write: Jim Holton, 1350 W. Elizabeth, Brownsville.



MARCH 2 - 3

SOUTH PLAINS COIN CLUB show, Koko Palace, Lubbock, Texas. Bourse: Bob Medlar, 4114 Avenue Q, Lubbock.



MARCH 2-3

MINERAL WELLS COIN CLUB annual show, Baker Hotel. Contact Donald Bond, Club Sec., 203 N.W. 33rd, Mineral Wells, Tex. 76067.



MARCH 16-17

CORPUS CHRISTI COIN CLUB annual show, Driscoll Hotel. Gen. Chmn.: Fred J. Floerke, Rt. 1, Box 20, Taft, Tex. 78390.



MARCH 30-31

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APRIL 21-27

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JUNE 17-19

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JUNE 22-23

LOUISIANA NUMISMATIC ASSN., Shreveport Coin Club, Convention Hall, Shreveport, La. Contact Henry J. Canglose, 5720 Jewalka Rd., Shreveport 77109.



SEPTEMBER 14 - 15

BEAUMONT COIN CLUB show, Holiday Inn, Beaumont. Bourse: T. G. Brown, 3535 Sleepy Lane, Beaumont.



SEPTEMBER 21 - 22

AUSTIN COIN CLUB "Money Mart", Austin Hotel. Write Club, Box 1225, Austin.



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Appreciation is expressed to Liberty Coin Club of Corpus Christi for a \$10 check donated in memory of J. Stubblefield, father of Clay Stubblefield who recently passed away.

In November 10 slide sets were used by Texas clubs and eight were scheduled for showing in December.

Seven books were loaned to two borrowers.



DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT TWO:

Reports on the Odessa Coin Club show held recently were given members of the Midland Coin Club at the November meeting. Also given was a report by Ellis Scobey, club president, on Virgil Hancock's talk on counterfeit coins held in Odessa last September.

Another feature of the evening's program, Scobey read excerpts from 1960, 1961 and 1962 Midland club news letters. This portion of the meeting was enjoyed by all as they could compare prices of certain coins and the activities that were carried on a few years ago. Eighteen members attended the meeting: R. E. Howard, Sec.



Wilma Shuster
Governor

DISTRICT THREE:

M. K. Britton was elected president of the Big Spring Club at the November meeting succeeding O. O. Craig who was elected as vice president. W. E. Wozencraft was named secretary and also re-elected as T.N.A. representative — a post he has held since the club was first organized. Dois McKee will serve as treasurer.



J. G. Pfluger
Governor

The December meeting was to be a Christmas party at the Britton home. — W. E. Wozencraft, Rep.



The San Angelo Coin Club announced 1968 officers at their December meeting held at the Town House Motor Hotel with 35 in attendance.

Fred W. Clark was elected president; Bill Lee, first vice president; Mickey Rhyme, second vice president; Mrs. E. A. Vantratin, secretary; and Dick Swindol, treasurer. Serving as historian will be Mrs. John Bilderback; and T.N.A. representative, Henry Bliznak — Fred W. Clark, Reporter.



DISTRICT FOUR:

Members of the Temple Coin Club elected 1968 officers at its November meeting and voted to again stage a Charity auction as the main theme for the December meeting.

Dr. P. H. Butler will head the Temple group; Ronald Vasilinda and Earl Brown, vice presidents; and Mrs. J. C. Nash, Jr., secretary - treasurer. Mrs. Barbara Vasilinda was appointed chairman of the special entertainment committee for the December meeting.



Lyman Barte
Governor

The Waco Coin Club accepted an invitation to attend the special auction and other area clubs have been

invited. — Ronald Vasilinda, Sec.



Kenneth J. Wiseman, special agent in charge of the Austin Bureau of the Secret Service, spoke to over 50 members and guests at the November meeting of the Waco Coin Club. His topic was the counterfeiting of United States currency, and illustrated with a display of \$1000 in fake money.

Wiseman was made an honorary member of the club.—J. P. Jones, Sec.



"Ways to Avoid the Effects of Inflation" was the topic for discussion by Burl Davenport, executive for Kelly & Morey, Inc., at the November meeting of Waco's Heart of Texas Coin & Stamp Club held at Texas Power & Light Center. Twenty-six were in attendance.

Plans for the December meeting called for a dinner at Bertrand's Restaurant with each member bringing a

gift of stamps or coins for a special auction, proceeds going to charity.—Mrs. Bernice Casper, Reporter.



DISTRICT SIX:

The dates of September 14 - 15 have been set for the annual coin show sponsored by the Beaumont Coin Club. The late Summer event will be held at the Holiday Inn with T. G. Brown, 3555 Sleepy Lane, Beaumont, as bourse chairman.



Chris Johns
Governor

A program on Coin Safety by M. C. Snell, inspector in the detective division of Beaumont's Police Department was scheduled for the November meeting at First Security National

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The annual Christmas party for **Paradena Coin Club** members was scheduled for December 18 at Shipley's Grill on South Richey with an evening of entertainment following dinner.

The November meeting included a slide set program on Commemorative half dollars from the T.N.A. Memorial Library and final plans for the annual coin show held December 2-3 at Gulfgate. — **Chris Johns, Sec.**



Houston's best ever "Money Show" at the Rice Hotel February 2 - 1 plans to pack them in to break all attendance records.

Coming from New York for the show is Joseph Milo, assistant Trade Commissioner of the Government of Israel, with the 16-foot long display of Israel's coins and medals. Also Milo will have a 12 minute sound and color film "Within The Circle" which explains the symbols on the ancient Jewish coins and their stylized adaptation for Israel's modern coins. The film will be shown at stated intervals in the room adjoining the bourse and exhibit ballroom.

Banco de Mexico also has been invited to send a representative display of coins from its museum of over 20,000 specimens. Negotiations are under way with Lic. Ernesto Fernandez Hurtado for customs clearance and the importation of the exhibit.

Sr. Julio M. Ruiz Laabes, of Aguada, Puerto Rico, has written that he would like to display his exhibit which captured best in show at the 1967 A. N. A. convention in Florida. The exhibit committee has invited Senior Ruiz to enter his display as a non-competitive exhibit, according to Patricia Young, the club's corresponding secretary.

Make your room reservations early

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DISTRICT SEVEN:

Planned programs for the **Alamo Coin Club** of San Antonio include a talk on Canadian half dollars by Freeman Craig and a fun night of games, prizes and a Dutch auction. The club meets at the Ruiz House on Broadway at Brackenridge Park.

Also planned for members was a Christmas covered dish supper and gift exchange. — **Ray Whyborn, Pres.**



DISTRICT EIGHT:

To encourage the 16 per cent of its membership who are juniors, **Corpus Christi Coin Club** has been having one of these young people present a program the second Monday of alternate months at meetings in the assembly room of Gulfway National Bank.

Steve Hartsell presented the program on November 13 on "Major Alliances of the United States." Using a wall map and his coin exhibit, he showed the countries involved and an example of the coinage of each. Organizations whose purposes were outlined, along with the extent of commitment of our country in each, were the Organization of American States,



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organized in 1948 and including 20 countries; the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, begun in 1949 and including 15 countries; and the South East Asia Treaty Organization, organized in Manila in 1954, including 8 countries and less binding than the other two. A spontaneous discussion followed the presentation.

"History Under Glass" was announced as the topic for National Coin Week, April 21 through 27, 1968, by George Mather, T. N. A. representative to A. N. A.

The Corpus Christi club extended an invitation to other clubs in the area to hear Ray Whyborn, president of Alamo Coin Club, San Antonio, in the assembly room of Corpus Christi National Bank on November 27. Whyborn was introduced by Al Naumann, who accompanied the speaker.

Topic for the evening was "A Tour of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing." The speaker told how he

had written the then director of the Bureau, Henry J. Holtzclaw, requesting a privileged tour, which was granted. Full access to every phase of the making of paper money was allowed and an aide appointed by the director, was very courteous in answering questions, noting what photos were desired, and making the tour quite enjoyable and informative.

The Bureau opened in 1862 and has purchased the very special paper for bills from the same supplier for over 100 years. The ink, which never dries, was invented in 1857 and continues unchanged with only three men knowing just how it is made. The green color is used to discourage counterfeiting.

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James A. Conlon, newly appointed Director of the Bureau, will be guest and featured speaker at the T. N. A. convention at the HemisFair in San Antonio next June, Whyborn announced. — Norma Mather, Publicity.

The San Benito Coin Club met recently and appointed M. D. Turner as chairman for the National Coin Week committee, A. N. A., with members asked to display coins and currency in banks and stores April 21-27, N. C. W.

Meeting at Palmsville Housing Center, the group also enjoyed a games night with proceeds going to the club treasury.

Albert Heine, Corpus Christi Museum director, has made available to members of the World Coin Club of Corpus Christi, copies of the booklet which accompanies the loan collection of coins. Members are given recognition for its part in assembling the coin and materials for this special project.

December programs were to include Richey Glendenning of Aransas Pass speaking on Fractional currency; a Christmas party and election of new officers.

W. B. Park was elected president of Liberty Coin Club of Corpus Christi at a recent meeting. W. R. Robbins will serve as first vice president; Margarite Garza, second vice president; Martha Park, secretary; Ouida Buckner, treasurer; and Gladys

Robbins, corresponding secretary.

Highlighting the members' holiday season was a Cantonese Christmas party December 12 at Chung Mei Restaurant. — Gladys Robbins, Correspond. Sec.

DISTRICT NINE:

The seventh annual coin show sponsored by the South Plains Coin Club of Lubbock will be held March 2 - 3 at the KOKO Palace, 50th and Avenue Q, in Lubbock.

Show chairman is Jim Hall and house applications should be sent to B. B. Medler, 1114 Avenue Q, Lubbock, Texas — Ruby Rice, Gov. Dist. 9.



Rudy Rice
Governor

DISTRICT ELEVEN:

The Moore County Coin Club held its regular meeting at The Savings & Loan Building, Dumas.

After a short business meeting, 17 members and guests viewed a slide set "Crown & Minor Commemorative Coins of the Western Hemisphere, Part II" presented by Troy Coan and furnished by the T.N.A. Memorial Library. — Troy H. Coan, Gov. Dist. XI.



Troy H. Coan
Governor

Amarillo Coin Club members met in November in the NIT Room, Herring Hotel. Twenty one members and guests were present.

During the business meeting nominations were submitted for officers

to be elected in December. Also a new Constitution was approved by the membership.

Gordon Boyd presented a slide set program. — Troy H. Coan, Gov. Dist. XI.



During the November meeting of the XIT Coin Club of Dalhart, 14 members and guests met at the home of the president, Cloys Wallace. At the business session plans for the second annual XIT Coin & Gun Show were discussed. The dates of August 2-3 were set.

A program was presented on "U. S. Postage & Fractional Currency" a slide set from the T.N.A. Memorial



Library. — Troy H. Coan, Gov. Dist. XI.



DISTRICT TWELVE:

The East Texas area should be reminded to begin the New Year by joining T. N. A. Ava Setzer, District 12 Governor, has been working on all of the delinquent list of members in her district.

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DISTRICT THIRTEEN:

The Wichita Falls Stamp & Coin Club met in November at the Y. M. C. A. and made plans to participate and attend the recent North Texas - Southern Oklahoma Assn. of Coin Clubs coin show at Lawton, Oklahoma. New officers were also elected.



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Members donated stamps and coins and an auction was conducted with proceeds placed in the club treasury. The program consisted of a panel discussion, questions and answers. - Mrs. G. M. Howard, Publicity.



The election of club officers to serve during 1968 was held at the December meeting of Mineral Wells Coin Club and Lee R. Waltman will serve as president. He will be assisted by T. H. Wheat, vice president; Max McGanglevy, secretary; and Jack Jeffries, reporter.

The club meets the first and third Thursday nights each month in the Baker Hotel and visitors are invited and welcome. - Lee R. Waltman, Pres.

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